

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the indicated paragraphs of the specification in accordance with the amendments indicated below.

Page 1, delete the title heading and replace with the following:

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING REGULAR UPDATES TO
PLAYER CHARACTER STATISTICS IN A SPORT SIMULATION GAME**

Page 19, amend the abstract as follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Data ~~such as information~~ pertaining to game characters appearing in a game is quickly supplied to a family game machine. ~~In a data delivery system comprising~~ by a system including a data storage unit [[22]] for storing data such as game character-related information and a server [[2]] that can deliver data to ~~a family~~ the game machine [[3]] ~~connected~~ over a network[[,]] . The ~~the family~~ game machine [[3]] has a sending/receiving unit [[32]] that sends and receives data and a storage unit [[33]] that can store data[[,]] . The ~~and the~~ server [[2]] determines [[,]] when a

data delivery request is received from the family game machine [[3]], whether or not the family game machine [[3]] is authorized to receive data delivery, based on an ID number received from the family game machine [[3]], and delivers prescribed data such as game character-related information to [[only]] the family game machine 3 ~~that is authorized to receive data delivery.~~ The user of the game machine is permitted to decide whether or not to download the character-related information.

A cleanly type version of the abstract is provided on the next page.